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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Wheelon

SUBJECT: General Schriever Visit to Florida

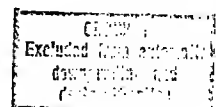
1. I was in touch with General Ritland this morning relative to the visit of General Schriever and others to Pratt and Whitney, West Palm Beach, Florida on 29 or 30 March. You will recall that these were the dates we agreed upon in view of your stated desire to be in Burbank with Kelly on 31 March.

2. General Ritland has not been able to get to General Schriever yet, since the latter left town after a meeting with Gene Fubini late in the afternoon of the day we briefed him at Andrews. However, Ritland said that he would be in touch with Schriever within the next 36 hours and would attempt to go firm on the details of the visit at that time.

3. General Ritland said that he thought the group going to Florida from AFSC would consist of General Schriever, himself, and Col. Bernard W. Marschner, USAF, Deputy for Science and Technology, AFSC. In this latter role Marschner monitors Major General Marvin C. Demler, USAF, Director of Research, Technology and Development for AFSC at Bolling. I suggested to Ritland that in view of Demler's past association with rocket engine development at Pratt and Whitney, and the fact that that company regards Demler as a friend in court, that it might be useful to suggest to Benny that Demler go along. This Ritland agreed to do.

4. Other possible participants in Florida remain as they were at the time of our briefing; Col. Joe Silk, USAF, former aide to Schriever when he headed BMD and now at Edwards Flight Test Center, Al Donovan and Al Gardner.

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5. I gather from Ritland that Benny is extremely hard to isolate for meetings out of town. In the event that he is unable to firm up on 29 or 30 March, but could make it later in the week (I should know this sometime on 19 March), I would suggest that you consider the possibility of adjusting your visit to Kelly around Schriever's timetable.

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